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7th Company Unassigned Maine Infantry

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REMARKS.

INSPECTION REPORT

of 7th Massachusetts Infantry

Commanded by Capt. K. C. Thompson

Fort Robinson, Nebraska

stationed at

DATE:

April 10th 1865.

RECAPITULATION.

Aggregate Present and Absent: 112

AGGREGATE
EFFECTIVE FOR
THE FIELD.

Infantry 51
Cavalry
Artillery

TOTAL

61

Number of Guns in Fort, 18.

Signature of Inspector

Co. 1st Mass. Infantry, 9th
Regt., Fort & Inspecting Officer.

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War Department,

Inspector General's Department,

Washington, D. C., March 9, 1865

INSPECTION CIRCULAR.

Corps Commanders will appoint a sufficient number of energetic and faithful officers to assist the Corps Inspectors in making at least one thorough inspection each month in accordance with this form. Brigade Inspectors will make their reports by Regiments to the Division Inspectors. Division Inspectors will inspect the Cavalry of the Division; they will consolidate the regimental reports (from Brigade Inspectors) by Brigade and in duplicate, adding the report of their inspection of the Cavalry; also the report of an inspection of the Artillery of the Division; retaining one copy, and forwarding the other to the Corps Inspector.

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Department Inspectors will retain a copy of reports from Corps Inspectors, and will forward the originals, properly endorsed, to the Inspector General at the ~~Headquarters of the Army~~ ^{War Department}; they will also furnish at the same time a report of the inspection of the Reserve Artillery.

In Regiments that are detached from their Brigades the Adjutant will be the Inspector, and he will send his report to the Inspector of the Brigade.

The inspection should take place between the 15th and the 20th of each month. Inspectors must consider themselves upon duty at all times, reporting every irregularity of whatever nature. They should also make frequent visits to all Guards, Videttes, and Outposts, &c., to enable them to report fully upon their efficiency.

Inspectors should state the ability and zeal of officers in command of troops, and the capacity of officers on Staff and administrative duties. They should also report by name all officers who are habitually intemperate, neglectful of duty, or grossly unmilitary or ignorant of their duties.

Praise or censure of officers and troops, as they may deserve, is particularly enjoined upon them. Inspectors will forward a letter of advice with their reports, which should contain all information possible on the subject of roads, modes of communication, &c., &c.; in fact, every information that will be of importance or interest at Corps, Department, or Army Headquarters.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

JAS. A. HARDIE,

Colonel, and Inspector General

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COMMANDING OFFICER.

TROOPS.

DATE OF MUSTER INTO
SERVICE.

TERM OF
SERVICE.

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Numbers of columns for reference to notes.

Capt Augustin Thompson

760 Unassigned Maine Inst 3

Oct 25th 1864

1 year

TOTAL

DIRECTIONS.

On the report of regiments, this report will be made out by companies; on the report of brigades, by regiments; on the report of divisions, by brigades; on the report of corps, by divisions.

Infantry, cavalry, and artillery of each regiment, brigade, or division, (according as the report is made out by regiment, brigade, or division,) will be on separate horizontal lines.

In column No. 1, should appear the name, in full, of the officer who actually commands, with his rank.

PRESENT FOR DUTY NOT AT INSPECTION.					ABSENT.								PRESENT AND ABSENT.			PRESENT			
General Officers.	General Staff Officers.	Field, Staff, and Company Officers.	Enlisted Men.	AGGREGATE.	ON DETACHED SERVICE.				WITH LEAVE.		SICK.		WITHOUT AUTHORITY.		Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted Men.	AGGREGATE.	INFANTRY.	
					Within this Army or Department.	Without this Army or Department.	Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted Men.	Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted Men.	Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted Men.	Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted Men.				Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted Men.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30									31	32	33		
					1	48						2			3	99	102	2	49

DIRECTIONS.

Under the heading "Present Effective for the Field," only those will be given who are actually available for the line of battle at the date of the inspection. All officers and enlisted men in the hands of the civil authorities will be reported in columns 37 and 38, respectively. In column No. 51, all the different calibres should be given; and in column No. 50, the number of pieces of each calibre.

ABSENT COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ACCOUNTED FOR

NAMES.	RANK.	REGIMENT, &c.	BY WHAT AUTHORITY.	DATE.
Kenny Green	1 st Lieut	7 th Co. Massachusetts Marine Corps	On detached service at Fort McClary Kittery Maine by order of 2 ^d Col. S. K. Dumas Commandant Coast Def of Maine	Nov 5 th 1864

All ABSENT COMMISSIONED OFFICERS will be reported by name, giving rank, regiment, &c., the cause and by what authority absent, and the date on which the officer left his command.

ARMS	Kind.	<i>Springfield Rifles</i>										
	Calibre.											
	Unserviceable.											
	Deficient.	*										
Condition of Arms		Clean (* <i>ex</i>)										
		Dirty										
ACCOUNTREMENTS, DEFICIENT	Cartridge Boxes.											
	Cap do.											
	Bayonet Scabbards.											
	Shoulder Belts.											
	Waist do.		*									
Condition of Accountrements		Good <i>gd</i>										
		Bad										
AMMUNITION, ROUNDS ON HAND.	Infantry.	<i>18270</i>										
	Cavalry.											
	Artillery.	<i>877</i>										
Condition of Ammunition		Good <i>gd</i>										
		Poor <i>3 Barrels Cannon Powder worthless, just Received.</i>										
HORSE EQUIPMENTS, DEFICIENT.	Saddles.											
	Bridles.											
	Halters.											
	Saddle Blankets.											
	Currycombs.											
	Brushes.											
	Wheel Harness.											
Lead do.								*				
Condition of Equipments		Good <i>gd</i>										
		Bad										
CLOTHING, CAMP AND GARRISON EQUIPAGE, DEFICIENT.	Overcoats.											
	Coats.											
	Trowsers.											
	Shirts.											
	Drawers.											
	Shoes.											
	Boots, Cavalry.											
	Stockings.											
	Blankets.											
	Haversacks.											
	Knapsacks.											
	Canteens.											
	Tents.											
	Axes.											
	Spades.											
	Camp Kettles.											
	Mess Pans.											
	Condition of Clothing, &c.		Good <i>gd & very neat</i> (*)									
		Poor										
		Bad										

* Write Regiment, Brigade, Division, &c.

Military bearing	Soldierly. <i>yes</i> Unsoldierly.
Military appearance	Good. <i>fair</i> Indifferent.
Discipline	Good. <i>fair</i> Lax.
System of military instruction	Good. <i>yes</i> Loose.
Officers and men instructed in Drill	Well. <i>fair</i> Indifferently.
Officers and Men instructed in Guard and Picket Duty.	Well. <i>fair</i> Not well.
Officers	Efficient. <i>fair</i> Inefficient.
Commanding Officers informed relative to the condition of their Command.	Well. <i>yes</i> Indifferently.
Corps, Division, and Brigade Commanders visit and inspect their Commands.	Frequently. Seldom.
Wants of the Command reasonably anticipated...	They are. <i>yes</i> They are not.
Morning Reports made	Regularly. <i>yes</i> Irregularly.
Do Provision Returns agree with Morning Reports?	They do. <i>yes</i> They do not.
Regimental and Company Books and Records....	Generally complete. <i>yes</i> Very incomplete.
Company Officers, Quartermasters, Commanders, &c., account for public property.	Regularly. <i>yes</i> Irregularly.
Have Soldiers been regularly charged on Muster Rolls with clothing overdrawn, and all articles lost, injured, and destroyed through negligence?	They have. They have not.
Orders	Duly received. <i>yes</i> Promptly published. <i>yes</i> Delayed. Not published. Enforced. <i>yes</i> Not enforced.
Recitations in Army Regulations and Tactics	Have. <i>yes</i> Have not.
Articles of War read	Frequently. <i>yes</i> Seldom. Never.
Hospital Department supplied.....	Well. Poorly.
Accommodations for Sick.....	Good. <i>quite</i> Indifferent. Bad.

What has been the general sanitary condition? ...	Good. <i>Good</i>
	Fair.
	Bad.
Have any diseases of a contagious character been prevalent?	Yes. <i>no</i>
	No. <i>no</i>
Have any diseases of a scorbutic character been prevalent?	Yes.
	No. <i>no</i>
Is regular account kept of Hospital fund?	There is. <i>none</i>
	There is not
Name of Chaplains	<i>none</i>
Does the Chaplain make quarterly reports (according to law) to the Colonel?	He does.
	He does not.
Religious exercises—how performed	Regularly
	Irregularly. <i>yes</i>
Police of Quarters	Good. <i>yes</i>
	Bad.
Police of Camp or Post	Thorough. <i>yes</i>
	Imperfect.
Personal cleanliness	Neat. <i>yes</i>
	Dirty.
Is hair kept short, and beard neatly trimmed?	It is. <i>yes</i>
	It is not.
Do Officers and Men wear the prescribed uniform?	They do. <i>yes</i>
	They do not.
How are public animals treated?	Well.
	Badly.
Are they properly fed and groomed?	They are.
	They are not.
Do Officers or Men use public animals except for the service of the Government?	They do.
	They do not
Do Officers carry more than their allowance of baggage?	They do.
	They do not <i>no</i>
Are Sutlers' establishments often inspected?	They are.
	They are not.
Do Sutlers confine their sales to their own Commands?	They do.
	They do not.
Are their goods tariffed, and the lists of prices hung up where they can be seen?	They are.
	They are not.
Do they keep other articles than those allowed by law and by orders?	They do.
	They do not.

The condition of Regiments, &c., will be indicated by placing the number of the Regiment opposite to *Condition*, to wit: Ex. Discipline.... Good. (...th N. Y.) (...st Pa.)
 Sutlers' invoices should be carefully examined; if false ones have been presented to the Council of Administration, his store should be immediately closed, and he dismissed. If the prices on the invoice are found to be exorbitant, and it has occurred through the mismanagement or the ignorance of the Sutler, in not knowing how to make his purchases or by purchasing on credit, &c., the soldier should not be made to suffer—the Sutler must be allowed smaller profits.

FORTS OR FIELD-WORKS.

NAMES OF FORTS OR
FIELD-WORKS.

Fort Popham Maine

General condition of the work	Condition of Slopes.	" " Revetments.	" " Scarps.	" " Ditches.	" " Magazines.	" " Splinter proof.	" " Quarters.	" " Drawbridges.	Magazines, aired frequently?	" " supplied with laboratory tools, &c.?	" " well stowed?	Powder, frequently rolled?	Are the guns numbered?	Are they often traversed?	Are the muzzles kept depressed?	Elevating screws kept clean?	Elevating screws relieved from weight?	Implements and equipments kept under cover?	Are detachments marched to guns every night?	Are gates closed at Retreat?	Number of guns.	Average No. rounds of ammunition per gun.
<i>gd</i>			<i>gd</i>	<i>unfurnished</i>	<i>gd</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>unfurnished</i>	<i>unfurnished</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>frequently</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>48</i>

REMARKS.

NOTE.—Condition indicated thus
ex., excellent; *gd.*, good; *ind.*, in-
different; *bd.*, bad; *vbd.*, very bad
&c.
Questions answered by Yes or No

In this column, give calibre o'
guns.

10.42 Pdr. Rifled Banded
2.100 Pdr. Parrot Rifle
6.68 Pdr. Rodman's

REMARKS.

New guns received and mounted

On the 10th day of April 1865. I received 6.8 inch Rodman guns. the carriages and implements had been on hand since March 19th 1865. They were immediately mounted & will be ready for service when the sights are adjusted by the Ord. Dept. who have been duly notified of the guns being in readiness.

Full armament now on the fort ammunition on hand &c.

2-100 Pds. Parrott Rifles: Ammunition, 205 shell, 180 Solid Shot.

These guns command the approaches seaward & are consequently provided with a large quantity of long range projectiles.

10-42 Pds. Rifled & Banded: Ammunition, -250 shell, 250 Solid Shot

These guns command part of the approaches seaward & have a range on the upriver channel as well as directly across the river.

6-8 inch Rodman guns: I have been privately informed by officers of the Eng. Corps, that the government was about sending ammunition for these guns; consequently I have made no requisition for them. These guns are situated so as to command the immediate passage by the fort. They cover the only channel at very short range.

All the casemates finished have been furnished with guns, which are in the very best condition.

There is at present, nearly six thousand pounds of Cannon Powder, 1000 Friction Primers, & six hundred Cartridge Bags on hand.

Augustin Thompson
Capt. 1st Co. Mass. Maine Light
Command Post & Inspector General